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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6079**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 74**

**DATE PREPARED:** Nov. 6, 2001

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Unemployment Compensation Benefit Period.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:** ☒ **GENERAL**  
☒ **DEDICATED**  
☐ **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill removes the requirement that a claimant for unemployment benefits serve a waiting period of one week of total, partial, or part-total unemployment in order to receive unemployment compensation benefits. It makes conforming changes.

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The elimination of the one-week waiting period for unemployment compensation will have an impact on the total amount of Unemployment Insurance Benefit Trust Fund benefits paid. For the period of October 2000 to September 2001, there were 122,000 claims that did not exhaust their benefits and the average weekly benefits were \$236. Assuming the individuals would have received one additional week of benefits, the impact is estimated to be \$28.8 M  $((\$236 * 1 \text{ week}) * 122,000 \text{ claims})$ .

**Background:** The balance in the Unemployment Insurance Benefit Fund as of June 30, 2001, was about \$1.47 B, and benefits paid were about \$459 M.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** The impact on a local unit of government will be as an employer. Depending on the experience of the fund, rates might increase in the future.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Workforce Development and all State Agencies.

**Local Agencies Affected:** All.

**Information Sources:** Dorothy Greene, Department of Workforce Development, (317) 232-7706.